## NOTICE OF CITIZENS' INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOPS FOR A VEHICLE/RAILROAD TRAFFIC SEPARATION STUDY (TSS) AND POTENTIAL SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT SEVERAL PUBLIC RAILROAD CROSSINGS IN DURHAM

WBS #: 43113 Durham County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a series of informal, open house-style meetings known as Citizens' Informational Workshops for the above-mentioned railroad/highway project for 18 public railroad crossings between Neal Road and Cornwallis Road in Durham.

The workshops will be held between 5 - 7 p.m. at the following locations:

- 1. <u>Downtown Section of Durham</u> (Gregson St to Driver St) Monday, November 28, 2011 at the Durham Armory, 212 Foster Street;
- 2. Western Section of Durham (Neal Rd to Buchanan Blvd) Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at the Hilton Durham (near Duke University) Trinity Ballroom, 3800 Hillsborough Road; and
- 3. <u>Eastern Section of Durham (Ellis Rd to Cornwallis Rd)</u> Thursday, December 1, 2011 at the North Carolina Biotechnology Center, Hamner Conference Center-Glaxo Galleria, 15 T.W. Alexander Drive, RTP.

The same information and display maps will be available at all three workshops. NCDOT representatives will be present to answer questions and receive comments in order to develop recommendations for improving the railroad crossings along this corridor. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will be provided and is encouraged. Interested citizens may attend at any time. There will not be a formal presentation.

The purpose of the upcoming workshops is to introduce the TSS proposed for Durham and obtain public input relative to the railroad crossings. Citizens are encouraged to provide comments and suggestions related to potential safety improvements as well as possible locations for grade separations (bridge over or underneath the railroad).

It is possible that the study recommendations may include the closure of some existing railroad crossings. The goal of NCDOT is to ensure the safety of passengers and train crews, motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians, and the surrounding communities.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Sandra Stepney, NCDOT Senior Project Engineer, Rail Division, Engineering and Safety Branch, at: (919) 715-0296 or by email at: <a href="mailto:sastepney@ncdot.gov">sastepney@ncdot.gov</a>.

Información en español estará disponible en la reunión. Puede llamar al 919-803-6881 para recibir mas detalles sobre el proyecto.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in these meetings. Anyone requiring special services should call NCDOT Senior Public Involvement Officer Eileen Fuchs at (919) 707-6067 so that arrangements can be made.